110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. R. 580

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 19, 2007

Mr. Berman (for himself, Mr. Conyers, and Mr. Scott of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. INTERIM APPOINTMENT OF UNITED STATES
- 4 ATTORNEYS.
- 5 Section 546 of title 28, United States Code, is
- 6 amended by striking subsection (c) and inserting the fol-
- 7 lowing new subsections:

"(c) A person appointed as United States attorney 1 under this section may serve until the earlier of— 2 3 "(1) the qualification of a United States attor-4 ney for such district appointed by the President 5 under section 541 of this title; or "(2) the expiration of 120 days after appoint-6 7 ment by the Attorney General under this section. "(d) If an appointment expires under subsection 8 (c)(2), the district court for such district may appoint a United States attorney to serve until the vacancy is filled. 10 11 The order of appointment by the court shall be filed with the clerk of the court.".

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